

Study: of the carbonization kinetic of the Sugarcane Bagasse and Elephant Grass in bed fixed reactor

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This paper describes the sugarcane bagasse and elephant grass carbonization kinetic in fixed bed reactor of the 200 mm of inner diameter and 100 mm of height. The Figure 1 shows the transient temperature profiles obtained experimentally in the radial and the axial directions.

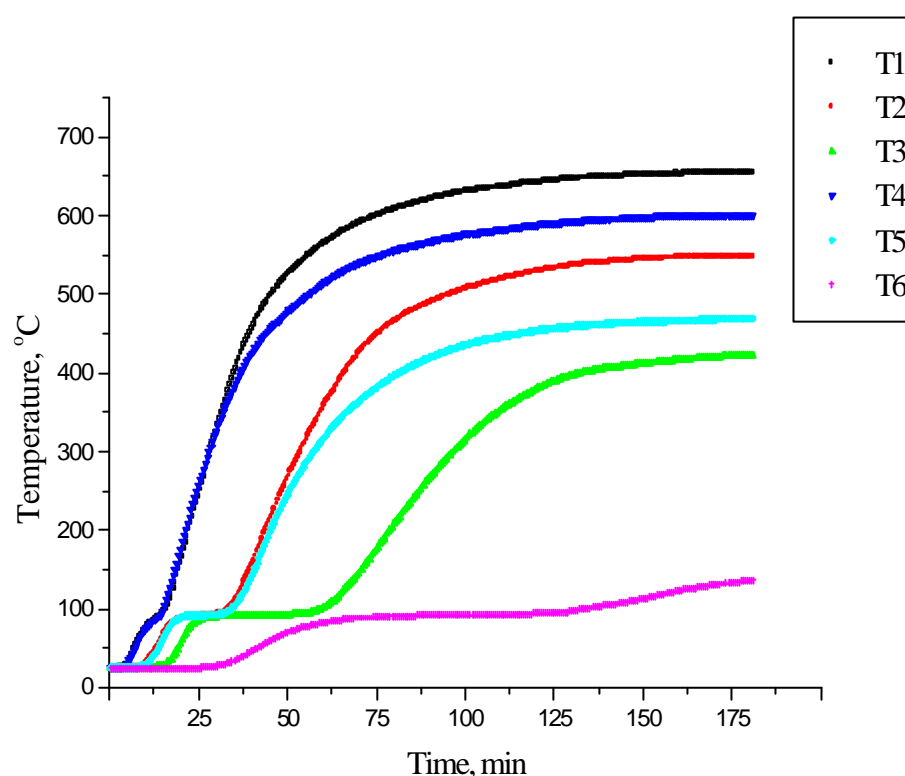


Figure 1 Transient temperature profiles in the radial and the axial directions

The reactor is of cylindrical section and the biomass is situated into reactor with a constant average apparent density of 150 kg m^{-3} . The heat flow is supplied through electrical resistance's of variable power localized in the lower part of the reactor. This physical model allows to consider the biomass in the reactor same to the larger cylindrical particle, with the known apparent density.

The temperature changes in various points of the biomass particle over time were registered. An acquisition system with 6 channels was employed. The mass loss over time was also registered during the decomposition process.

Empirical models were obtained which describe the influence of the heat flow supplied on the kinetic carbonization along the reactor height for each type of biomass. The results show that exist

accumulation of the heat on the below part of the particle, which give to retaining of the advance of the frontal part carbonization up to over part of the particle. This fact is consequence of the alterations in the physical properties of the by-products formed during thermal conversion process.

This results obtained are compared with the traditional Differential Thermal Analyzes realized with small size particles.

The mathematical modelling of this phenomena using of the computational fluid dynamic techniques and the CFX software version 4.0, allow to describe the by-dimensional and transient mass and heat transfers process. The validation of the mathematical model is made from to empirical models.